

## **Amendments to the Specification:**

Please replace paragraph [0008] with the following amended paragraph:

[0008] This object is ~~solved with~~ achieved by a vehicle roof structure according to the present invention. ~~having the features of claim 1. Advantageous embodiments are denoted by the remaining claims.~~

Please replace paragraph [0048] with the following amended paragraph:

[0048] Upon pivoting up to the position shown in Figs. 8-11, the guide path 44 arrives in contact with the first roller pair 40. The connecting rod 31 is subsequently further pivoted by the drive about its the rotational point of the connecting rod 31 on the carriage 32 until it the connecting rod 31 arrives in a horizontal position, in which position the free end of the connecting rod 31, on which the connecting rod 34 is coupled, lies rearward. Thus, it At the same time, the connecting rod 34 is pivoted in the counter-clockwise direction according to the illustration in the figures. The carriage 32 is continued to be held stationary. However, since the guide path 44 and the rollers 40 are in contact with each other, a force is applied to the connecting rod assembly 31, 34, which force works against the biasing direction of the pneumatic spring 35. Therefore, it is effected that connecting rods 31, 34 rotate with respect to each other, i.e. in particular the connecting rod 34 folds in about an axis perpendicular to the vehicle longitudinal direction onto the connecting rod 31 in the counter-clockwise direction in Fig. 12, so that the opening angle  $\alpha_1$  between the connecting rod 31 and the connecting rod 34, which angle  $\alpha_1$  is adjusted without influence of the guide device, is reduced to an angle  $\alpha_2$  (Fig. 12). Thus At this time, the guide path 44 and the roller 40 of the roller pair start to roll with respect to on each other, so that the roof part 12 experiences a directional change of its movement path with reference to the pivoting movement without influence of the roller pair 40 and simultaneously is further guided along a defined way path into the vehicle body. The carriage 32 is thus still not moved at this time, but rather is in fact held in its original position (forward-most position in the vehicle forward driving direction). Up to this time point, a drive of the connecting rod 31 is therefore merely required for moving the movable roof part 12. The

submerged state of the movable roof part 12 in the vehicle body, which is illustrated in Fig. 12 in cross-section, is shown in Figs. 13 and 14 in perspective view.

Please replace paragraph [0054] with the following amended paragraph:

[0054] Instead of the described linkage assembly and pneumatic spring, other types of biasing devices and/or movement devices also could be utilized, as long as ~~mounted as an essential aspect of the invention is~~ a guide device provided separate from the driven linkage assembly is attached for moving the movable roof part, which guide device is stationary with respect to at least either the convertible top compartment lid or the vehicle body and initiates a directional change of the movement path ~~when contacting by contact with~~ the movement path of the movable roof part. When closing the roof part, the movements are performed in the reverse direction.

Please replace the original Abstract with the following amended Abstract:

A vehicle roof structure (10), which has at least one rear-side convertible top compartment lid (16) and a rigid roof part (12) movable between an opened- and a closed position, which roof part (12) extends in the closed position between a windshield frame (14) of the vehicle and the convertible top compartment lid (16) and in the opened position is stored in a space underneath the convertible top compartment lid (16), is movable between the closed position and the opened position by a linkage mechanism (30, 36) and ~~at least one guide device (40, 42, 44)~~ is additionally provided with at least one guide device (40, 42, 44), with which the roof part (12) is in contact during at least ~~at~~ one portion of its movement path between the opened- and closed position and which effects a directional change of the movement path of the roof part (12) when it arrives in contact with the roof part.